(d) how many NGOs are working in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) Rs. 221.62 crores has been released to 2602 NGOs under social welfare programmes during the financial year 2002-2003.

(b) and (c) The functioning of the projects sanctioned under the schemes are regularly monitored by seeking periodical progress reports from the grantee NGOs. The projects are inspected each year by the State Government authorities/Nodal agencies. The second instalment of grant is sanctioned only on receipt of inspection report indicating the satisfactory functioning of the project. The grantee NGOs is required to submit audited accounts and utilization certificates duly certified by Chartered Accountant. The unspent balance, if any, is adjusted with the grant for the subsequent year.

(d) 115 NGOs are working in Madhya Pradesh.

Schemes for welfare of minorities

2129. DR. ABRAR AHMED : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the various schemes under implementation for the welfare of minorities including Muslims; and

(b) the amount spent on these schemes during the last two years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) The following are the schemes for the welfare of minorities including Muslims:

(i) Scheme of Pre-examination Coaching for weaker sections including minorities, based on economic criteria, for recruitment in services and admission in professional courses.

(ii) Area Intensive & Madrasa Modernisation scheme under the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

In addition, the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) provides loans for the economic empowerment of Minorities.

The Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) and the Central Wakf Council function under the aegis of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and provide financial assistance for the development of minorities.

(b) The amount spent under these schemes during the last two years, year-wise is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount Spent	
		2001-02	2002-03
1.	NMDFC	96.83	73.93
2.	MAEF	9.48	7.90
3.	Area Intensive & Madrasas Modernisation	17.30	28.44
4.	Pre-examination Coaching for weaker sections	2.96	1.39
5.	Central Wakf Council	1.40	1.68

National Commission for disabled persons

2130. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) by when the proposed National Commission for persons with disabilities is likely to commence its functioning and simultaneously whether any time-bound provisions have been made for providing the necessary infrastructure as past experience in this regard is quite dismal *viz-a-viz* similar other Commissions; and

(b) whether any budgetary allocation has been earmarked for the remaining months of 2003-04 so that funds crunch does not become a major handicap for the commission's functioning and the modalities suggested for its reports and periodicity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL):